SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 23, 1899

Practical Jokes. For The Free Lance

Some time ago there appeared in The Free Lance what was called a joke, perpetrated by General Custer on a man named Osborne. It seems that Osborne was very wealthy, and was a warm and intimate friend of Ouster, whom he visited every year in his camp. On one of these visits Osborne, being alone in a tent at night, by Custer's order a false alarm was raised of an attack by Indians. There was a great noise, o ders of officers, tramping of horses, shouting of men, blowing of bugles, and all the indications of immediate conflict. In the midst of the confusion, Ouster, wearing his uniform and with a sword at his side, entered the tent in which Osborne was sitting and said to him "he was very sorry, but he could in each month at 3 p. m. give him no help," as his first duty was to his command. Osborne was terribly alarmed, fell on his knees and begged Custer to protect him.

After sometime everything became quiet, and Custer entered Osborne's tent to laugh at him for his fears. All this may have appeared to Gen. Custer to be very funny and very smart; to me it seems to have been very mean. To subject any guest, and especially a warm and intimate friend, to humilation and alarm is a flagrant violation of hospitality and propriety, of which I cannot conceive a gentleman to be gailty. True hospitality seeks the com fort and enjoyment, not the aunoyance and distress of a guest. With few or no exceptions, practical jokes are low bred and contemptible. The point of such jokes is found in the chagrin, apprehension or pain they inflict. A person who can enjoy the sufferings induced by such inflictions on others is utterly lacking in generosity of spirit and kindness of heart. It is said the Prince of Wales is very fond of perpetrating practical jokes, and tha the flunkies he keeps around Him submit without remonstrance or com plaint to be the instruments or th butts of his jokes, as he may direct. A favorite joke with his Royal Highnes is to direct one of his lacques to get be hind a guest or a caller and seizing his coat shirts in each hand to tear the coat from the buttons on the back up to the collar. This joke is particularly relished if the coat is new and costly On one occasion, at least, the tables were happily turned on the jokers. A guest of the Prince, going to his room to dress for dinner, found a new coat lying on the bed. Knowing the propensity of the Prince for tear coats, and correctly supposing this coat to belong to one of "his set," the guest took off his own coat and put on that lying on the bed. The change was not noticed. happily turned on the jokers. A guest the bed. The change was not noticed. After dinner, when the wine was circulating, freely one of the Prince's creatures, according to orders, went behind the guest and tore the coat up to the collar. There was great merriment until it was found that the torn coat belonged to the very man who had torn it. Then the only langher left was the man who had worn the coat.

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England's Suzerainty the Real Isssue of the South African Difficulty. [From the European Edition of the New York Herald.]

It is growing more evident every day that the real issue in the Anglo-Boer dispute is not as to the franchise or the redress of Uitlander grievances generally but England's suzerainty, and that if war comes it will be over this ques-

Whether with or without reason from his point of view, Mr. Kruger has long had the suspicion or fear that Mr. Chamberlain's aim is not simply the redress of the grievances of which he complained, but that he has ulterior designs on the independence of the Transvaal Republic. Consequently the Boer President has cought to couple with his proffered concessions a condition that claimed suzerainty or stipulate not A. B. Botts & Co. England would either renounce her to interfere hereafter in the internal affairs of the Republic. Throughout FIRE, LIFE and ACCIDENTS INSURthe correspondence his State Secretary insisted that England had no suzerainty rights and went so far as to declar \$1at "from inherent right the Republic is a sovereign State"-a contention which Mr. Chamberlain pronounced 'not warranted either by law or history

and wholly inadmissible." Unless one side or the other recedes from that stand evidently other means than diplomacy must be resorted to for the settlement of the issue. There is not the slightest probability that England will yield since to renounce her suzerainty right would simply be to surrender everything. If way come it will be on the part of the Boers a struggle for independence and on the part of Great Britain a war for supremacy in South Africa. Considering England's vastly superior power the final outcome could never be in doubt, whatever might be the initial and fresh PICKLING SPICES result. The only question would be as to its effect on the status of the Transvaal Republic and with how much of its present independence it would come out of the conflict. That Great Britain would not stop with an enforcement of the demand she has already made has been publicly declardd by Lord Salis-bury, as well as by Mr. Chamberlain.

Developing as it might into a Britishrace war, the struggle could hardly fail to prove a dire catastrophe to all South Africa.

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8:20 a m	Mine Road	2:56 p
8:23 a m	Robey's	2.51 p
8:29 a m	Screamerville	2:48 p
8:32 a m	Alrich	2:42 p
8:35 a m	Furnace	2:37 p
8:40 a m	Brock Road	2.28 p
8:43 a m	Stephens	2:25 p
9:00 a m	Parker	2:10 p
9:08 a m		1:57 p
9:18 a m	Tinder	1:45 P
9:28 a m	Reynolds	1:35 p
9:38 a m	Verdiersville	1:25 p
9:48 a m	La Fayette	1:18 p
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" White Sulphut		9:28 P 9:51 P	7:00 A
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laugher left was the man who had worn the coat.

All practical jokes are not so rude and foolish as that which has been described, but all of them are more or less discourteous, and many of them are mean and cruel. Let them be left to those who can find pleasure in such "sport," whether they occupy exalted or humble positions.

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The Religious Problem in the Philip-The Boston Herald says

A correspondent in Manila has re-cently commented upon what he believes to be the most serious phase of the Philippine matter, that is, its religious character. It is not always recogn zed with us that the rebellion in the Pullppine Islands, which had been going on several years before our war with Spain, had its origin less in a dirlike by the F.lipinos of which can reach such deep-seated blood recogn zed with us that the rebellion the Spanish government than in the r | diseases. hatred of the monastic orders. The y | Rezema broke out on my daughter, and concould have endured the civil a d tinued to spread until military government of the Spaniards, her head was entirely harsh and unjust as it frequently was, but the control which the mon-sstic orders exercised over them, and the influence which these had in shaping the policy of the Spanish authorities and in dictating their action, constituted a grievance too severe to be borne. These orders had gradually possessed themselves of enormous estates, and had held the cople dwelling upon the land thus ntrolled in a state of servile subjec-Their interference in the family life of the people, particularly as it has been in no way controlled by moral considerations, caused a hatred of them in a great number of indi vidual instances. Mr. John Foreman, whose work on

the Philippine Islands is considered, perhaps, the best authority, has filled everal pages with detailed account of monastic oppression and corrup-tion, and this is all the more signifi cant for the reason that Mr. Foreman is himself a Roman Catholic, but one who does not believe that the church should lend itself to abuses of this kind. Long ago the Council of Trent decreed that the holding of benefices by friars should not be permitted, as it was the occasion of scandal which did great damage to the church and the faith. But for some reason an exception has always been made in the case of the Philippine Islands, and hence a system has for genera tions past existed there which throughout the rest of the world has been abolished as detrimental to good order and good morals

The correspondent to whom we have referred states that the monastic orders in the Philippine Islands are keenly alivel to the change that has taken place in the destinies of the archipelago. They are aware that the principles of our government are in antagonism to the system of control which they have maintained for the last three centuries, and hence they are using such influence as they possess to thwart our success. Curiusly enough, although their immo rality, insolence and capidity have been the cause of the popular uprisngs in the Philippine Islands, they are now thought to be in many ways allies of the Filipinos, who are taking the advice and aid of their old adversaries in their efforts to combat us As our authority says, such a union might seem incredible if one did not ake into account the superstitious reverence of the people for the priesthood, and the psychological influence which its members have ever then. We are held by the monastic orders to be hereties, and as hereties unde serving of the least consideration. In one of the Manila churches within the last few weeks one of the priests "Any one contributing so much as a cent to any Protestan object—schools, hospitals, or any thing Protestant—comes under the worst form of excommunication. This was obviously intended to apply to Americans generally, and if this is the doctrine taught within the lines held by our soldiers, what may not one suppose is preached and taugh: to the Filipino insurgents where the possibilities of American

interference do not have to be con sidered 7 By our treaty with Spain, we agreed to respect the religion and the ssessions of the people, and under this compact it is not impossible that nastic orders, even though it may be shown that they have strongly opposed our rights to possession, ful and complete control of the vas properties that now stand in their name, the possession and use of which is clearly detrimental to the well being of the country. It is not a question of religious conversion, for it is inherently probable that the Roman Catholic creed and practice are far better adapted to the needs of the people than any form of Protestant faith. But religious associa ions, such as those now existing in he Ph lippine Islands, have been overthrown in all of the Roman Catholic countries of Europe, because experience has shown that they were far more productive of barm than of good. As we have said above, a great council of the church has pronounced against the system which has for many years past existed in the Pail-ippine I lands, and the extension of this condemnation to that Spanish olony by papal decree was probably only prevented by the enormous in fluence which the heads of these monastic orders were able to exert, both in Madrid and at Rome. The problem of how we, with treaty stipulations standing in the way, are to effectively treat this question is one which it is not easy to solve. It is not impossible that it may turn out that our negotiators in Paris engaged in framing this treaty accepted, in certain respects, a larger measure of responsibility than would have been assumed if they had possessed more knowledge of the subject and been gifted with greater diplomatic ability

Corruption in Manila.

Denver, Sept. 21 - Napoleon E Guyot, late private of Company G, First Colorado Volunteers, who during the last three months of 1898 served as a clerk under Major Kilbourne and later under Lieut .-- Col. Potter, auditor of public accounts, Manila, publishes a signed statement in which the gravest charges of corruption are made against the American officials in Manile.

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